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Dear Mr. Berry:

RECOMMENDATION 19-01: PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD PRIORITIES FOR PRESIDENT'S 2020 BUDGET REQUEST

Reference: Recommendation from Portsmouth Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board to Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, "Portsmouth (PORTS) Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Priorities for President's 2020 Budget Request," (Recommendation 19-01), dated October 4, 2018

This correspondence is written in response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (PORTS SSAB) Recommendation 19-01. We want to thank the PORTS SSAB for its input into the federal budget process and DOE partially accepts the SSAB's recommendation.

As always, DOE will request from Congress that funding of sites across the DOE-EM complex be consistent with carrying out EM's mission, which is to complete the safe cleanup of the environmental legacy brought about from five decades of nuclear weapons development and government-sponsored nuclear energy research.

As for the board's recommendation on Portsmouth becoming a closure fund site, DOE agrees to consider a closure type contract as we develop the acquisition strategy for the Portsmouth decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) contract re-compete.

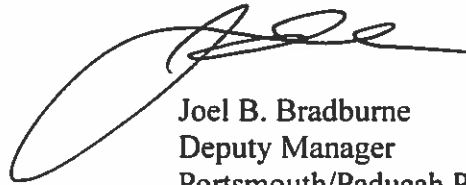
DOE would like to thank the board for its support of the DOE-Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) Asset Transition Agreement, which we believe is beneficial to DOE and SODI. DOE will continue to work with SODI to identify materials for reuse or recycle that not only provides resources to SODI, but allows DOE to reduce its waste footprint.

DOE is also pursuing another board priority, the transfer of property deemed excess to DOE's mission needs. DOE is in the process of examining approximately 200 acres east of Perimeter Road – known as Parcel 2 – to determine its suitability for transfer.

DOE sees the board's other two priorities – a robotics laboratory and workforce development – as related topics that have potential at the Portsmouth site. As you know, DOE has partnered with Carnegie Mellon University as part of a consortium to examine technologies related to the D&D project at PORTS. DOE will continue to explore new technologies for deployment consistent with the EM mission at Portsmouth.

DOE appreciates the work of the PORTS SSAB and looks forward to working on these and other issues as the D&D Project moves forward.

Sincerely,



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